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yesterday, Senator Davis is reported as can egast line, and to take any steps duented necessary for its protection,

neuncement is likely to exert an important effect upon the fale of the treaty. The Adneuncement is likely to exert an important effect upon the fate of the treaty. The Administration, in its desire to shield Secretary Hay from humiliation, and perhaps to carry out its part of a deal the full properties of which do not appear on the perhaps, until November.

We are pleased to see that our Italian friends are able to infuse a little humor into their feelings toward Mr. Wight, and perhaps into their feelings toward Mr. Wight, and sidered highly probable that the Admiral's they are onlice excusable in treating his portions of which do not appear on the surface of things, has been bitterly opposing the Department, have been made to the effect. ments, more or less traceable to the State Department, have been made to the effect that Lord Salisbury would never consent to the least alteration in the provisions of the treaty. When Senator Davis, whom the country believes to be an honest and truthful man, declares that the British Government has offered to accept the amendment, it is reasponed been hardly sincere. The Administration will now be compelled to show its hand. If it takes the position that the American people are not to be permitted to defend their own property, even with to defend their own property, even with the consent of Great Britain, the storm be Wight than be President!" of trouble that will ensue will, in comparison, actually dwarf the tidal wave of certained by a court and jury in New

are important possible campaign contribu-Canal and their views are clearly repmay be able to force a vote and secure ratification of the amended treaty against the wishes and interests of the party managers, and Senator Morgan may be then a lively one, with the end not clearly in smallest feeling of envy for the position or emotions of the Administration in re-

The Naval Appropriation Bill.

day the Naval Appropriation bill was reported by Mr. Foss, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. The measure is one which is sure to meet with the hearty approval of the country. Under the provisions of the bill the Navy gets a larger appropriation than has ever be-fore been made for the service in any year of American history. The aggregate sum is \$61,219,916. The estimates were for a still larger amount, namely, \$69,885,634. The United States is a great maritime nation, and in addition is one of the foremost powers in the Far East. It would be a suicidal policy which should prevent it from securing as rapidly as possible a Navy equal to that of any other single state. The truth of this proposition is sion is being pushed with speed and energy by the nations of Europe, and never before so actively as in this present year, The naval programme of the German Government contemplates immediate provision for the increase of the imperial es tablishment by 422,000 tons, a greater tonnage than that of the present German Navy, England, France, and Russia are also making rapid strides in the direction of increased naval strength, and it is wise statesmanship and good economy not to let our own country lag in the rear of

additional facilities of many kinds, such as cadet quarters at Annapolis, dry docks. buildings for coaling stations, and navy yards in our new possessions, and so on, compel the expenditure of sums which help to swell the present appropriation bill, but not to a point where criticism would seem to be justified. A minority report, signed by Messrs. Tate, Rixey, the armor plate provision at some length, and finds fault with the power given to the Secretary of the Navy to contract for armor at a price not to exceed \$545 per (Gasping interruption by new clerk at stamp window) (The Navy to contract for wi

on. The consensus of opinion in professional circles and in Congress is tha Krupp armor, which is now used excluively by the leading naval powers, should nority favor a Government plant, which,

ers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$2,866,600 each. Probably the and that the construction of these eight vessels will represent all we need to do at

we heartily commend. It restores the title much reason. The question is, Does the of midshipman, abolished some years ago Davis amendment cure the vice of the without apparent rhyme or reason. Peooriginal document? Respect for the emi- ple of all Anglo-Saxon countries know, apnent ability and patriotism of the Senator preciate, and love the "middy," but they from Minnesota ordinarily would lead us | are apt to feel little interest in the thing to accept his word for it, but this is a mo- he has been of late transformed into, mentous matter and no one should be will- namely, the "naval cadet." Let Congress would seem feasible to translate it into us the admiration and respect of Europe words about the meaning and effect of and, indirectly, wrecked the Chinese tariff which there could be no future question or | wall of McKinley and Dingley which we now so plainly see to tering to its fall.

stating that he had reason to believe that the Porio Rican infamy last night is ey. It appears that they are now ready calculated to encourage Mr. Rockefeller, to abandon their original purpose of fol-Great Britain would accept the treaty as amended, and is willing to recognize the right of the United States to utilize the as Speaker Henderson can gather in the gation to the National Convention and in-strays—many of whom are hiding out to tend to send the seventy-two delegates to escape the voic-the whole berd with few Kansas City "unhampered." As far as if any exceptions will be kicked and club- known none of the men conspicuous either bed into the pen and counted. That will by words or acts in the party organizati

anger over the policy of Mr. McKinley to- York that "Sapho" is a pure drama of intellectual merit and with many morals. Administration would not hesitate to kill a hymn book upon all classes of the community children in arms and very young lation at this session of Congress. There again at the old stand in the metropolis ters among the enemies of the Nicaragua knew what the authorities in the provresented in the attitude of Senator Hanna | Painted Post, Uba Dam, and so on-who when the Hepburn bill was reached in the have prohibited the piece, will do now. House some time ago. If Senator Davis Will they accept the decision of the New is persistent and implacable enough he York court as final, or take appeals to their local sewing societies and progressive euchre parties?

One of our morning despatches from able to force passage of the Hepburn-South Africa indicates that the main body Morgan bill, but the battle is likely to be of Lord Methuen's command has been gone sight. In any event, however, we are The natural inference is that it has started unable to view the situation with the north for the relief of Mafeking. It is to be hoped that this is the true explanation, a d that the effort will prove successful. If any man has earned praise and promotion in the war the gallant Baden-Powell certainly has.

Gons Without Gonners.

Years ago there was a surplus in the Treasury, a there is new. Mr. Cleveland was greatly distribed in mind by it. A patriotic Democrat, the late Aumuel J. Tilden, advised that it be

England's Military Strength.

It Looked That Way.

Miss Marjorie-But why are you troubled about -Aye, Oi fear 'e must 'a' took to drink,

POLITICAL NOTES AND GGSSIP.

Admires Cleveland .- One of Admiral Dewey's relatives is responsible for this be also secured by the United States, and story: Soon after his return to Washing-Washington McLean residence, which was then bis temporary abode. Speculaton as to his political views was then rife. Senthey argue, would more than pay for itself out of the saving which could be made on the amount of armor plate which will be needed during the ensuing two or three years. The fact remains that there is no Government armor plant, while there is every incentive to prosecute the work of extending our Navy without delay.

The Foss report recommends that the President be authorized to have built by contract two sea-going coast line battle-ships, to be provided with the heaviest armor and ordnance carried by vessels of their class, and each to have about thirteen thousand five hundred tons displacement, to cost exclusive of armor and armament not to exceed \$3,600,000; three armored cruisers of about thirteen thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement, to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$4,250,000 each; and three protected cruisers of about eight thousand tons displacement.

Admiral's political views and idea s.

Declined an Office.-The politician will be surprised to learn that a gentle-Navy experts know what they are about, man who has had quite as much to do with recording the history they are supposed to make as has any man of the time has this time. The majority of the House Na- been offered and has refused one of the val Committee takes this view. Its report best paying offices in the gift of the Administration. Reference is had to Mr. Walter B. Stevens, the well-known Washington correspondent of the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat." The President tendered to Mr. Stevens the important position of slowly enough to secure all the benefits of new finprovements and new inventions, or, better still, to
do as the American Navy has always done when
American. If the Davis amendment to
the Hay-Pauncefote Tranty is safe to secure all that connection would be without ent was proof against the tempting offer In the cellion of the newspaper men nothing in the gift of the President is too good for Mr. Stevens, and there is no surprise among them that he has refused to credit for the less honorable, even if less arduous, work of the officeholder. The position now doubtless will be tendered to and very promptly accepted by some mentous matter and no one should be willing to take chances. The language of the
amendment may cover everything needful.

If so, and if there are no diplomatic reservations hidden under the text, then it

be possessions in the Antilles; gained for

the navar causet. Let Congress to and very promptly accepted by some politician. Its tenure is two years and its remuneration is so far above the usual compensation of political office that from the politician's standpoint it is a billet very much to be desired. Walt Till Croker Returns .- The

> to have been very much confused in their ideas and mixed in their intentions by The result of the Republican caucus on the announced candidacy of Admiral Dewagain at the old stand in the metropolis on Saturday zight. We are interested to know what the authorities in the provinces—in Oskosh, Kalamazoo, Red Neck, Painted Post, Uba Dam, and so on—who have prohibited the piece, will do now. Will they accept the decision of the New York court as final, or take appeals to robable that Croker will return to New probable that Croker will return to New important developments. It is not at all probable that Croker will return to New York before that date. However, he is said to own a cable frank, and he can use this to good effect if he wants to do so. Still, that broken leg may now be of more concern to him than polities. If it is he will probably forget to companying a with his

Is Blackburn Unensy !- It is believed that former Senator Blackburn is beginning to grow uneasy about getting the seat to which he was elected by the Legislature of Kentucky a short while before his today a statement of foreign vessel move-State was plunged into aparchy by the assassination of Goebel. The term to which he was elected begins with the Fifty- American occupation to December 31 seventh Congress, and vesterday Senaire Jones of Arkansas introduced in the Seuate the unusual credentials held by Mr. sturbed in wind by it. A patriotic Democrat, the late Sumuel J. Tilden, advised that it be utilized in criffying our exposed and practically defenceless subboards. He did not live long enough to see that plain but strangely reglected duty attended to. Way wouldn't it be a good idea—sound business sense—to invest a considerable portion of the proper garrisoning of the seaboard batteriess where the proper garrisoning of the seaboard batteriess.

Blackburn, accompanied by a voluminous statement of facts and allegations concerning the unusual character of the creining the unusual character of the cr walle vessels carrying the American flag certificate. It is considered to be not vulkely that a question of the legality of his election will be raised when he presents himself at the bar of the Senate of the next Congress to be sworn in. It may be argued that since the Legislature that elected him declared that the election to which it owed its existence was full of fraud and wrongdoing, as evidenced by the Legislature's act in declaring Taylor not entitled to the governorship, the Assembly also was an illegal body. In brief, it may suit the purposes of the Republicans in the next Senate, if not in this, to nullify as far as possible everything done in Kentucky under the Goebel law. In that event Mr. Blackburn, it is feared, would have a hard time of it getting into the Senate on the certificate of election filed for him yesterday by Senator Jones.

FUSION IN NORTH DAKOTA.

The Populist State Conventior En-

The Populist State Convention Endorses Bryan for President. GRAND FORKS, N. D., April 6.- The

North Dakota Populists beld their State convention here to elect delegates to the National convention. The convention was a continuous fight on the question of fu- aid saved their lives. ion. The fusionists had a majority and gathered in stragglers from the other side until the convention stood five to one for fusion. At this point the middle-of-the mittee issued a call for a State convention to be held on June 26. The fusionists elected delegates to attend the Sioux Falls convention and adopted declarations endorsing Bryan for President.

The fire was extinguished after it had done about \$1,500 damage. oaders walked out and organizing a com-

IN THE HOTEL CORRIDORS.

"Buffalo Courier," is at the Arlington from be also secured by the United States, and it is understood that it cannot be had at a ton from Manila a small party of very bined business and pleasure trip and is inlower cost than the price fixed. The mi- close friends joined him at dinner in the cidentally saying a good word for the big

Wilbur A. Heiseley, of Long Branch, N. J., is registered at the Normandie. Mr. Heiseley is a member of the law frm of Heiseley & Morris and was formerly prosecutor of Monmouth county. He was applicable we make the county. ointed law judge of Monmouth county by Governor Voorhees just before the Legisla-ture adjourned and was sworn in about a week ago. Mr. Heiseley is a prominent Republican, and has had much to do with the success of that party in Monmouth county in the past two years.

Hon. W. D. Owen, of Indianapolis, Ind., is at the Rafeigh for a few days. He is a former member of Congress from the Hoosier State and was for a time Secretary of State. He has been spending the winter on his coffed plantation in Mexico and is seeing old friends at the Capital.

Yesterday was one of Gen. Joseph Wheeler's busy days, but an unexpected happening prevented him from getting much work done. Some kindly friend sent him a large crate of spring chickens by express, and these arrived at the Arlington in good season. Learning that a large express, and these arrived at the Arlington in good season. Learning that a large express package had arrived, he ordered it sent up to his room and then his troubles began. Being a man of kindly temperament he imagined 'hat the poor chickens must be dying from hunger and thirst. He obtained several slices of buttered bread from the dining-room and adding to these a large pitcher of water went to the relief of the noisy fowls. Each chicken had an entire slice of bread and a good bath during the meal, and besides throwing water over everything within splashing distance. over everything within splashing distance the ungrateful chickens, who happened to be of the male persuasion, began a series of go-as-you-please fights which lasted all day. After bervously giving up any attempt to get any work done, General Wheeler ordered that the crate be taken to a rear ward and kent there.

to a rear yard and kept there.
"I don't know whether they are chickers or rattlesnakes," said he last night
"but they have feathers and are wonderfu

Hon. Daniel J. Ryan, Commissioner General of the Onio Centennial Exposition, to be held at Toledo, in 1963, is at the Normandie, from Columbus, accompanied by State Senator Fatterson, of Pike county, who is regarded as the Administration spokesman in the State Senate They are in the city for the purpose of urging Senator Hauna and Secretary Diction use their influence with Governor Nasito withdraw his opposition to the Centennial Appropriation bill, now pending The bill carries \$1,000,000, which Governor Nash regards as too much, believing \$500, Nash regards as too much, believing \$500.

point even the Hon. William E. Sulver appears to possess no satisfactory information. At last accounts Croker's broken leg was doing very well. However, as a fractured femur is liable to be very eccentric under the surgeon's care, it is thought to be not impossible that Mr. Croker's broken leg may be getting rapidly worse now instead of better and that this luckless circumstance may make his stay in Europe indefinite. It is not doubed that if he should come home within the next month he could set everything all right in New York, either for Dewey of for Bryan, though, of course; if he doesn't that a large gold mine had been discovered beneath the Pennsylvania station at Jersey City, and implored Mr. Bateman to keep the tauter quiet. The latter was surprised for a time, but finally forwarded a note to Proprietor Somborn which read as follows: Somborn, which read as follows portant. Have Southwick's head exam-ined at once for gold microbes," Mr. Southwick does not know whether the jcke is on himself or Mr. Bateman. probably forget to communicate with his braves by cable when they rally around the State Committee on the 20th.

AN INTERESTING REPORT. Statement of Foreign Ships Touch-

ing at Philippine Ports. The Division of Customs and Insular Af-

fairs of the War Department made public ments at the ports of Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu, Philippine Islands, from the date of

The statement shows that the total num ber of foreign vessels that entered the ports named during the period above mentioned was 517, with a total tennage of 607,5.7. The total number of foreign vessels that cleared from the above ports dur ing the period mentioned was 505, with a

ing the period mentioned was see, with a total tomage of 630,901.

It will be seen by the statement given that vessels carrying the British flag dominate the carrying trade of the islands, walle vessels carrying the American flag rank second, and those earrying the Spa

2,174: Austrian flag 2, total tonnage 2,499 and French flag 3, total tonnage 1,341.

Poisoned by Eating Cheese. ers of the family of Edward Moser were nade seriously ill by eating unwhole: cheese yesterday and only prompt medical

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